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Overview

The bill modifies the requirements for obtaining a driver's license or Minnesota identification card, to: (1) eliminate mandatory proof of lawful presence in the United States, (2) remove status check information inscribed on a license or identification card, and (3) make a foreign passport submitted along with a birth certificate a valid form of documentation to prove a person's identity. It also directs information to be added to the application form regarding when a social security number is required.

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- Contents of application; other information. Requires an applicant for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card to attest to having a residence address in Minnesota (which is required under current administrative rules that are being repealed in section 3 of the bill). Directs the Department of Public Safety to add a clarifying statement to the application form for a license or identification card that a social security number is not required for a class D license or ID card if the person does not actually have one (and certifies it).
- **Application documents.** Specifies that a foreign passport along with a birth certificate, if meeting specific conditions, is sufficient for proving identity and use in identity documentation when applying for a driver's license or Minnesota identification card.
- **Repealer.** Eliminates administrative rules that require proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a driver's license or ID card, along with related rules governing status check information (which is included on a card to indicate an expiration date that corresponds with the end of lawful admission period), warnings and cancellations, reissuance, and fees.

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Eliminates rules requiring proof of residency (which is partially replaced by a similar provision in section 1 of the bill).

Effective date. Makes the bill effective January 1, 2016, for licenses and identification cards issued on or after that date.